

**U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

CLOSURE ORDER

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, notice is hereby given that the BLM is seasonally restricting access to portions of public lands within the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) located in the southern portion of San Benito County and western Fresno County, California. **All public access, including motorized and non-motorized recreation use is restricted on public lands within the Serpentine ACEC from June 4, 2005 through October 15, 2005.** These lands are located in portions of T.17 S., R. 11 E.; T. 17 S., R. 12 E.; T. 18 S., R 11 E.; T. 18 S., R. 12 E.; T. 18 S., R. 13 E.; T. 19 S., R. 13 E.

This seasonal closure is necessary to ensure visitor safety and protect public land users from potential health risks associated with naturally occurring asbestos found within the restricted area. Dry soil conditions and high dust generating potential from public use activities during this time period create a significant hazard and risk associated with exposure to asbestos.

Except for travel on San Benito County roads, all public access and motorized vehicle travel will be allowed only by written authorization of the Hollister Field Manager. The following persons are exempt from the identified restrictions:

- 1) Federal, State, or local law enforcement officers, while engaged in the execution of their official duties.
- 2) BLM personnel or their representatives while engaged in the execution of their official duties.
- 3) Any member of an organized rescue, fire-fighting force, or emergency medical services organization while in the performance of their official duties.
- 4) Any member of a federal, state, or local public works department while in the performance of an official duty.
- 5) Any person in receipt of a written authorization of exemption obtained from the authorized officer from the Hollister Field Office.
- 6) Private landowners with in-holdings within the restricted area who have a responsibility or need to access their property, and persons with valid existing rights-of-way or lease operations, or representatives thereof.

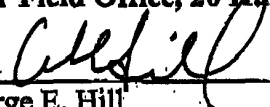
During the closure period, the area will be clearly posted. Closure signs will be posted at main entry points to all locations affected by this Notice. Maps of the area will be posted with this notice at key locations that provide access into the closure areas, and may be obtained with further information at the Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023.

Seasonal closure orders may be implemented as provided in 43 CFR, subpart 8364.1. Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

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Approved By:


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Date:

May 25, 2005

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